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Art Unit 1636

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/806,346; Filed: March 23, 2004
For: **Methods and Devices for Producing Biomolecules**
Inventors: URTHALER *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.2620001/EKS/JMC/TCS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Applicant's Summary of the Substance of an Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants' Summary of the Substance of an Interview

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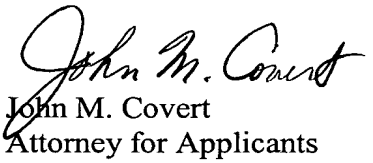
Applicants note that an Interview Summary was mailed September 19, 2007, for the captioned application. Hence, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § § 1.2 and 1.133, and MPEP § 713.04, Applicants' undersigned representative provides the following statement of the substance of the interview held with the Examiner Laura L. McGillem regarding the captioned application.

Applicants' representative telephoned the Examiner on December 11, 2007, to discuss the pending claims of the present application. The Examiner commented that the present claims were directed to a method of producing biomolecules in context of the chemistry used to carry out the method, and certain aspects or elements of the claimed method had been described in the art. In addition to discussing claims 11 and 15-16, Applicants noted the specification disclosed that the method could be automated. The Examiner and Applicants discussed the possibility of amending the claims to add limitations that further distinguished the claimed method from QIAGEN.

Subsequent to the telephonic interview, Applicants filed an Amendment and Reply on December 21, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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